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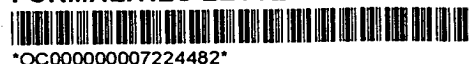
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

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TRANSMITTAL OF SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS UNDER 37 CFR §1.85

Sir:

This is in response to the Patent Office's request for substitute drawings, made in a December 21, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional

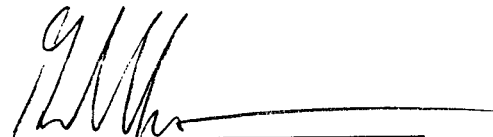
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Application. Enclosed herewith are: (A) twelve (12) sheets of substitute drawings (Figures 1 to 14); and (B) a copy of the above Notice.

Applicants are presently in the process of obtaining an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventors.

Respectfully submitted,

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